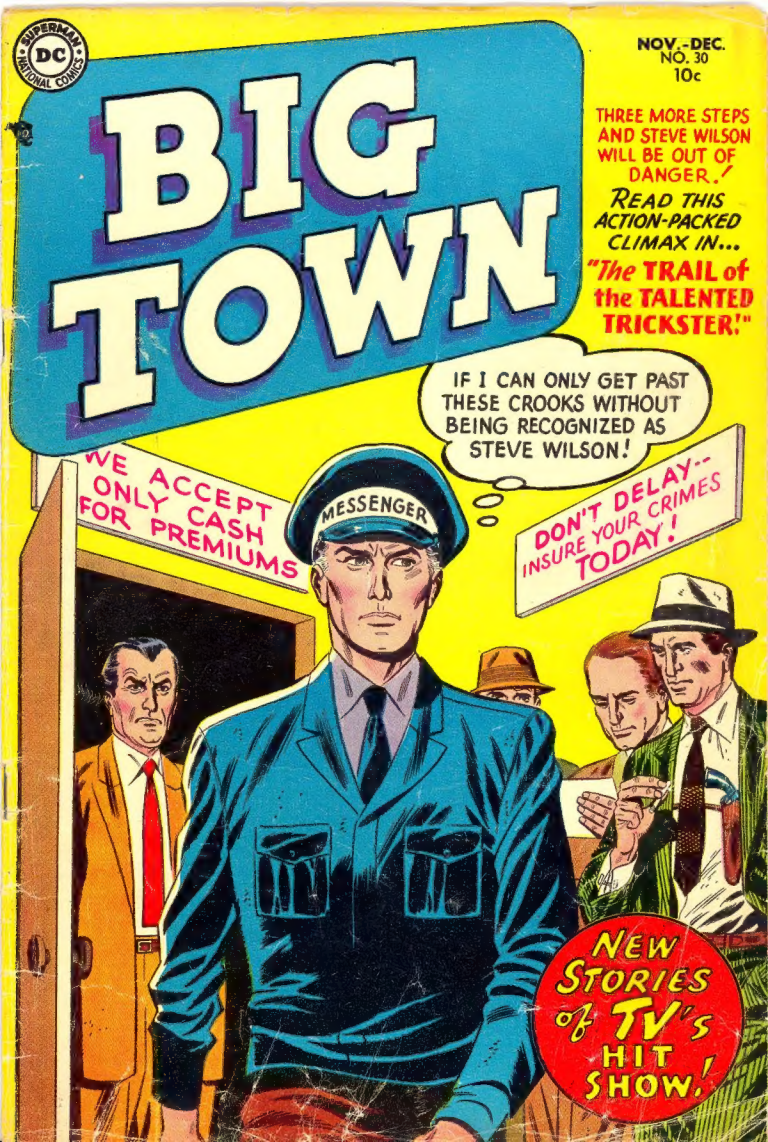
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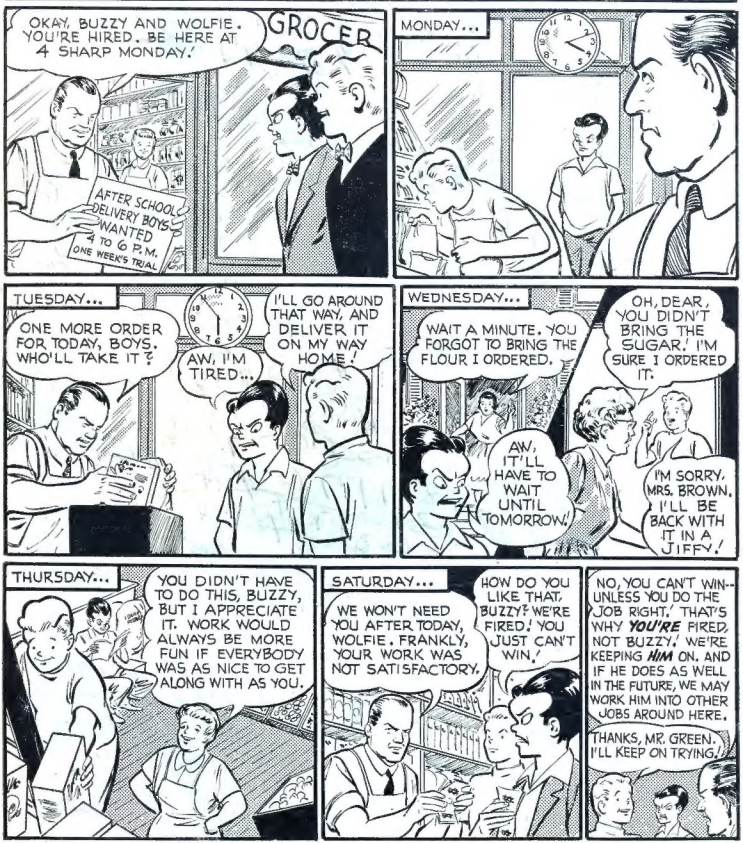
THREE MORE STEPS AND STEVE WILSON WILL BE OUT OF DANGER.
READ THIS ACTION-PACKED CLIMAX IN...
"The TRAIL of the TALENTED TRICKSTER!"
IF I CAN ONLY GET PAST THESE CROOKS WITHOUT BEING RECOGNIZED AS STEVE WILSON!
WE ACCEPT ONLY CASH FOR PREMIUMS
MESSENGER
DON'T DELAY-- INSURE YOUR CRIMES TODAY!
NEW STORIES of TV's HIT SHOW!

BUZZY finds "The KEY to SUCCESS!"


OKAY, BUZZY AND WOLFIE. YOU'RE HIRED. BE HERE AT 4 SHARP MONDAY.
GROCER
AFTER SCHOOL DELIVERY BOYS WANTED 4 TO 6 P.M. ONE WEEK'S TRIAL
MONDAY...
TUESDAY...
ONE MORE ORDER FOR TODAY, BOYS. WHO'LL TAKE IT?
AW, I'M TIRED...
I'LL GO AROUND THAT WAY, AND DELIVER IT ON MY WAY HOME!
WEDNESDAY...
WAIT A MINUTE. YOU FORGOT TO BRING THE FLOUR I ORDERED.
OH, DEAR, YOU DIDN'T BRING THE SUGAR. I'M SURE I ORDERED IT.
AW, IT'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL TOMORROW!
I'M SORRY, MRS. BROWN. I'LL BE BACK WITH IT IN A JIFFY.
THURSDAY...
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THIS, BUZZY, BUT I APPRECIATE IT. WORK WOULD ALWAYS BE MORE FUN IF EVERYBODY WAS AS NICE TO GET ALONG WITH AS YOU.
SATURDAY...
WE WON'T NEED YOU AFTER TODAY, WOLFIE. FRANKLY, YOUR WORK WAS NOT SATISFACTORY.
HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT, BUZZY? WE'RE FIRED! YOU JUST CAN'T WIN.
NO, YOU CAN'T WIN--UNLESS YOU DO THE JOB RIGHT.' THAT'S WHY YOU'RE FIRED, NOT BUZZY.' WE'RE KEEPING HIM ON. AND IF HE DOES AS WELL IN THE FUTURE, WE MAY WORK HIM INTO OTHER JOBS AROUND HERE.
THANKS, MR. GREEN. I'LL KEEP ON TRYING!

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BIG TOWN

THERE'S ENOUGH INFORMATION IN THE BOOK TO SEND YOU TO JAIL, KIMBELL!
YOU'RE RIGHT, WILSON--THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T LEAVE THIS ROOM ALIVE!

WHO KILLED PAUL PRYOR, NIGHT CLUB COLUMNIST FOR THE ***ILLUSTRATED PRESS?*** WHAT DID THE MISSING GUEST BOOK FROM THE ***BLUE FLAME*** CLUB HAVE TO DO WITH THE MURDER? TO SOLVE THESE BAFFLING QUESTIONS, CRACK NEWSHAWK STEVE WILSON, FOLLOWING IN THE DEAD MAN'S FOOTSTEPS, TOOK A GUIDED TOUR OF ***BIG TOWN***--A TOUR WHICH PROMISED EXCITEMENT BUT PRODUCED MORE ***CHILLS*** THAN THRILLS!

BIG TOWN at NIGHT!

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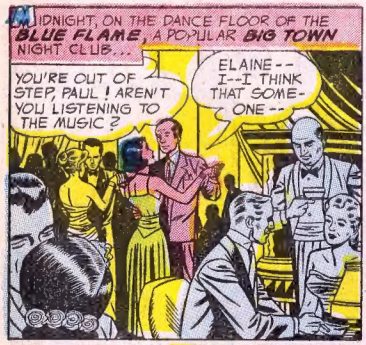
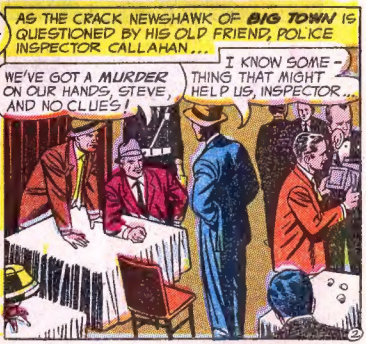

MIDNIGHT, ON THE DANCE FLOOR OF THE BLUE FLAME, A POPULAR BIG TOWN NIGHT CLUB...
YOU'RE OUT OF STEP, PAUL! AREN'T YOU LISTENING TO THE MUSIC?
ELAINE--I--I THINK THAT SOME-ONE--

SUDDENLY, BEFORE THE GIRL'S STARTLED EYES...
UHHH!
PAUL, WHAT'S THE MATTER?

HELP! SOMETHING'S HAPPENED!
CALL THE POLICE, TEDDY!

TEN MINUTES LATER, IN RESPONSE TO THE URGENT PHONE CALL...
PRYOR...?
IT'S PAUL PRYOR, INSPECTOR! HE'S DEAD... SHOT IN THE BACK, PROBABLY BY A SMALL GUN EQUIPPED WITH A SILENCER! NO ONE HERE HEARD THE SHOT...

ISN'T HE THE COLUMNIST FOR THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS--STEVE WILSON'S PAPER?
YES, SIR! I'VE CALLED WILSON--OH, HERE HE IS NOW!


AS THE CRACK NEWSHAWK OF BIG TOWN IS QUESTIONED BY HIS OLD FRIEND, POLICE INSPECTOR CALLAHAN...
I KNOW SOME-THING THAT MIGHT HELP US, INSPECTOR...
WE'VE GOT A MURDER ON OUR HANDS, STEVE, AND NO CLUES!

"PAUL WAS WORKING ON A MYSTERIOUS STORY! HE CAME TO ME JUST THIS AFTERNOON..."
STEVE, IF I BREAK A BIG STORY, WILL YOU RUN IT ON PAGE ONE UNDER MY BYLINE?
SURE--IF IT'S BIG ENOUGH! WHAT'S IT ABOUT, PAUL?
I'D RATHER NOT SAY UNTIL I'M SURE OF MY FACTS! BUT AFTER TONIGHT I OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO TELL YOU EVERYTHING!
HE MUST HAVE BEEN SURE OF HIS FACTS ALL RIGHT--DEAD SURE!
GET IN TOUCH WITH ME, STEVE, IF YOU FIND OUT ANY-THING ELSE ABOUT THIS!
THE NEXT DAY, IN PAUL PRYOR'S OFFICE IN THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS BUILDING...
IF WE CAN FIND OUT WHAT STORY PAUL WAS WORKING ON, LORELEI, IT MAY HELP SOLVE HIS MURDER!
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE KEPT ANY NOTES ON IT...
LORELEI!... I FOUND SOMETHING IN HIS DESK DRAWER! TWO TICKETS TO AN ALL-EXPENSE GUIDED TOUR OF BIG TOWN AT NIGHT! AND HERE'S A RECEIPT FOR THE MONEY PRYOR PAID FOR THEM--$100!
WELL, WHAT'S SO ODD ABOUT THAT, STEVE? PAUL WAS A NIGHTLIFE COLUMNIST...
YOU MISS MY POINT, LORRY! I'VE NEVER KNOWN A COL-UMNIST LIKE PAUL TO PAY FOR A THING LIKE THIS! FREE TICKETS ARE ALMOST ALWAYS GRANTED IN RETURN FOR THE PUBLICITY HE CAN GIVE! BUT WHY IN THIS CASE--?

MISS KILBOURNE, HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACCOMPANY ME ON A **GUIDED TOUR** OF **BIG TOWN** TONIGHT?

WHY, MR. WILSON, THIS IS SO SUDDEN-- BUT I'D LOVE IT!

AFTER DARK, STEVE AND LORELEI ARE READY FOR AN EVENING ON THE TOWN...

I'VE FOUND OUT WHAT I COULD ABOUT THIS OUTFIT, LORELEI! IT ATTRACTS MOSTLY RICH VISITORS TO **BIG TOWN** WHO HAVEN'T THE TIME TO SEARCH OUT INTERESTING NIGHT SPOTS FOR THEMSELVES!

BIG TOWN AT NIGHT! GUIDED TOUR!

SHORTLY, AS A LIMOUSINE FILLED WITH SIGHTSEERS WINDS ITS WAY THROUGH ODD CORNERS OF THE METROPOLIS...

AND HERE WE HAVE A SECTION OF **BIG TOWN** THAT HAS REMAINED THE SAME FOR THE LAST 100 YEARS-- WITH GAS LIGHTING AND OLD-FASHIONED TROLLEY CARS...

THE ARTISTS' QUARTER! I'D FORGOTTEN HOW VARIED AND INTERESTING **BIG TOWN** REALLY IS, STEVE!

A CITY LIKE THIS CONTAINS ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE, LORELEI -- INCLUDING A **MURDERER!**

THEN... AS THE VISITORS MAKE THEIR FIRST STOP AT A NIGHT-CLUB...

HERE'S WHERE WE MIGHT START TO LEARN SOMETHING... EH? SOMEONE CALLING ME!

WILSON! STEVE WILSON!

STEPPING CURIOUSLY TOWARD THE INVISIBLE VOICE, THE ACE NEWSHAWK RUNS INTO A VIOLENT SURPRISE...

STEVE!

CRACK!

I'VE BEEN WAITIN' FOR YOU, PAL!

DAZED BY THE HEAD-BLOW, STEVE SEES ONLY A BLURRED IMAGE COMING AT HIM...
SO YOU'RE OUT TO SEE BIG TOWN AT NIGHT, WILSON! WELL, YOUR TOUR IS ENDING RIGHT HERE!
I M-MUST BE SEEING DOUBLE...
AT THE LAST SECOND, THE ACE NEWS-HAWK SHOVES HIS HAND UPWARD TO DEFEND HIMSELF...
THINGS ARE COMING CLEARER NOW--I ONLY SEE ONE OF HIM!
NOW IT'S HIS TURN TO SEE DOUBLE!
POW!
BEFORE STEVE CAN GRAB HIS ASSAILANT...
LET HIM GO, STEVE! HE MUST KNOW THAT ALLEY...AND IT'S SO DARK, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE A THING IN THERE!
GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT! BUT DO YOU REALIZE--
--WHAT THIS MEANS? PAUL PRYOR BOUGHT TICKETS FOR "BIG TOWN AT NIGHT"--AND HE WAS KILLED! WE'RE TAKING THE TOUR--AND I'M ATTACKED FROM AMBUSH! THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THIS GUIDED TOUR THAT SOMEBODY WANTS TO KEEP HIDDEN!
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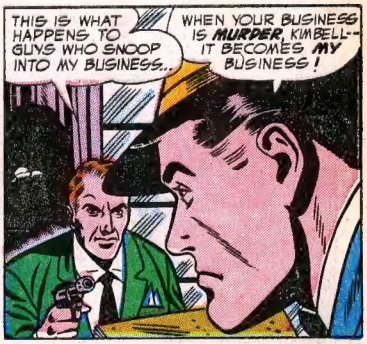
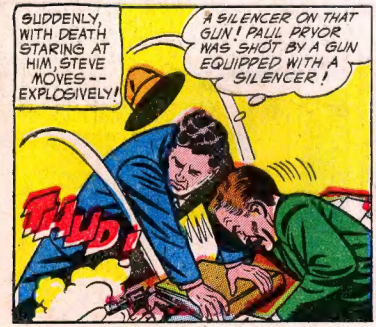
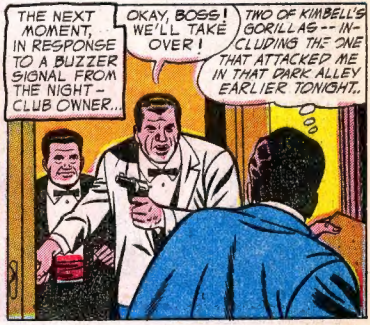
BUT WHAT, STEVE?
I DON'T KNOW, LORELEI--BUT I HAVE A HUNCH THAT BEFORE THIS NIGHT IS OVER WE'LL KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS--INCLUDING WHO KILLED PAUL PRYOR!

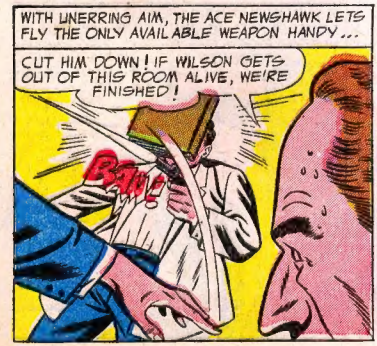
LATER, AT ANOTHER NIGHT CLUB--THE WORLD FAMOUS BLUE FLAME--WHERE THE TOUR IS TO END...
STEVE, THIS IS WHERE PAUL WAS KILLED... JUST LAST NIGHT! DON'T YOU THINK IT MAY BE DANGEROUS FOR US TO GO IN THERE?
PROBABLY...
FLAM
BLUE
BUT IN WE GO! NEWSPAPERS AREN'T WRITTEN--NOR MURDERS SOLVED--BY PEOPLE WHO RUN FROM DANGER!
Y-YES, BUT SOMETIMES I WISH I'D STUCK TO A DESK JOB!
INSIDE THE RENOWNED NIGHT SPOT MOMENTS LATER...
WHAT'S THE MATTER, STEVE? WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
LORELEI, EVERYTIME I'VE BEEN IN THIS PLACE, THERE HAS BEEN A CERTAIN OBJECT ON THAT TABLE THAT ISN'T THERE NOW! WHY SHOULD IT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AWAY?
WHERE'S HE GOING? HE JUST SAID FOR ME TO WAIT HERE...
ONLY ONE WAY TO GET QUESTIONS ANSWERED AROUND HERE...
--AND THAT'S TO ASK WALLY KIMBELL, THE OWNER OF THE BLUE FLAME--AND THE KIND OF MAN WHO ALWAYS KNOWS ALL THE ANSWERS!
THAT TOUR YOU'RE ON DOESN'T INCLUDE A VISIT TO MY PRIVATE OFFICE, WILSON! GET OUT!
THAT'S NOT POLITE, WALLY! I JUST WANT TO ASK YOU A SIMPLE QUESTION! YOU USED TO KEEP A BIG GUEST BOOK ON THAT TABLE IN THE FOYER! BUT IT'S NOT THERE TONIGHT!

THEN FROM BEHIND A DESK, STEVE PULLS THE MISSING GUEST BOOK...
NOW, WHY SHOULD YOU HIDE YOUR GUEST BOOK, WALLY? AS IF I DIDN'T KNOW OR COULDN'T GUESS--!
SEE IF YOU CAN GUESS WHAT I'M GOING TO DO WITH THIS, WILSON!

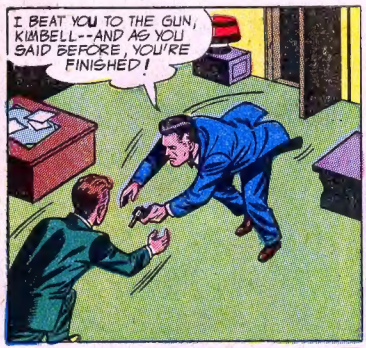

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS TO GUYS WHO SNOOP INTO MY BUSINESS...
WHEN YOUR BUSINESS IS MURDER, KIMBELL--IT BECOMES MY BUSINESS!

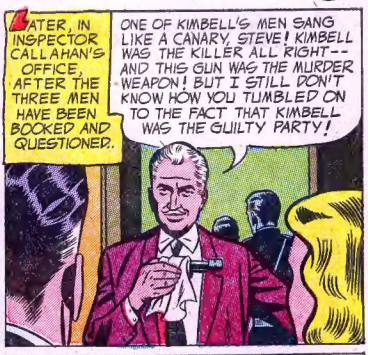

SUDDENLY, WITH DEATH STARING AT HIM, STEVE MOVES--EXPLOSIVELY!
A SILENCER ON THAT GUN! PAUL PRYOR WAS SHOT BY A GUN EQUIPPED WITH A SILENCER!
THUD!


THE NEXT MOMENT, IN RESPONSE TO A BUZZER SIGNAL FROM THE NIGHT-CLUB OWNER...
OKAY, BOSS! WE'LL TAKE OVER!
TWO OF KIMBELL'S GORILLAS--INCLUDING THE ONE THAT ATTACKED ME IN THAT DARK ALLEY EARLIER TONIGHT..


WITH UNERRING AIM, THE ACE NEWSHAWK LETS FLY THE ONLY AVAILABLE WEAPON HANDY...
CUT HIM DOWN! IF WILSON GETS OUT OF THIS ROOM ALIVE, WE'RE FINISHED!
BAM!

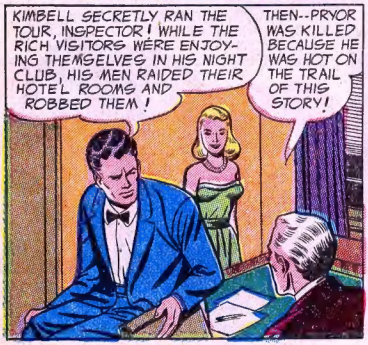
I'M NOT ONLY GOING TO LEAVE HERE ALIVE, KIMBELL--I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU WITH ME!
WHAK!

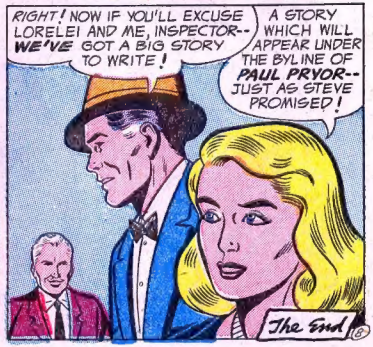

I BEAT YOU TO THE GUN, KIMBELL--AND AS YOU SAID BEFORE, YOU'RE FINISHED!


LATER, IN INSPECTOR CALLAHAN'S OFFICE, AFTER THE THREE MEN HAVE BEEN BOOKED AND QUESTIONED.
ONE OF KIMBELL'S MEN SANG LIKE A CANARY, STEVE! KIMBELL WAS THE KILLER ALL RIGHT--AND THIS GUN WAS THE MURDER WEAPON! BUT I STILL DON'T KNOW HOW YOU TUMBLED ON TO THE FACT THAT KIMBELL WAS THE GUILTY PARTY!

THIS MISSING GUEST BOOK SUPPLIED THE KEY CLUE! LISTEN--I'LL READ YOU SOME NAMES FROM THE BOOK! WILLIAM WATSON, PERCIVAL DODGE... LAURENCE PORTER...
HOLD ON! THOSE NAMES ARE FAMILIAR..

THEY WERE RECENT VICTIMS OF A SERIES OF UNSOLVED HOTEL ROBBERIES HERE IN BIG TOWN!
EXACTLY! VISITING OUR CITY WITH LIMITED TIME, THEY TOOK THE EXPENSIVE GUIDED TOUR--"BIG TOWN AT NIGHT"! BUT THEIR WIVES CONVENIENTLY LEFT THEIR JEWELS BACK IN THEIR HOTEL ROOMS--


KIMBELL SECRETLY RAN THE TOUR, INSPECTOR! WHILE THE RICH VISITORS WERE ENJOYING THEMSELVES IN HIS NIGHT CLUB, HIS MEN RAIDED THEIR HOTEL ROOMS AND ROBBED THEM!
THEN--PRYOR WAS KILLED BECAUSE HE WAS HOT ON THE TRAIL OF THIS STORY!


RIGHT! NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE LORELEI AND ME, INSPECTOR--WE'VE GOT A BIG STORY TO WRITE!
A STORY WHICH WILL APPEAR UNDER THE BYLINE OF PAUL PRYOR--JUST AS STEVE PROMISED!
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TIME PASSES
AH! EET EES DONE! A MASTERPIECE EEF I SAY SO MYSELF!
SOUNDS REALLY GOOD! COME ON LET'S HAVE A LOOK!
WHAT TH-!?
HO-HO!
HA-HA!
FOR MONTHS I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO DRAW ZEE PERFECT PICTURE OF DUBBLE BUBBLE... AND NOW I HAVE DONE EET! SUCH BEAUTY, NO?
GEE WHIZ! NOW I KNOW WHY HE KEPT ASKING ME TO RELAX AND GO RIGHT ON BLOWING MY DUBBLE BUBBLE GUM!
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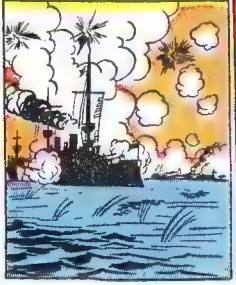
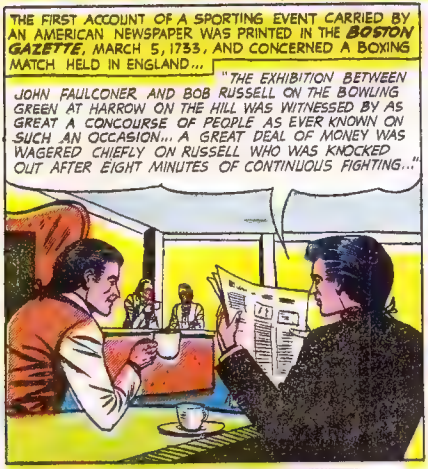
ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING SCOOPS IN NEWSPAPER HISTORY WAS SCORED BY THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE IN 1898, WHEN IT PRINTED THE NEWS OF ADMIRAL GEORGE DEWEY'S VICTORY AT MANILA IN THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR-- EVEN BEFORE THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WAS OFFICIALLY INFORMED...



EDITORS IN PRE-CIVIL WAR DAYS PRUDENTLY CARRIED A GUN OR KEPT ONE IN A DESK DRAWER AS PROTECTION AGAINST IRATE PEOPLE WHO TRIED TO ATTACK THEM FOR PRINTING UNCOMPLIMENTARY NEWS ABOUT THEM.

FAMOUS NEWSPAPER FIRSTS!

THE FIRST ACCOUNT OF A SPORTING EVENT CARRIED BY AN AMERICAN NEWSPAPER WAS PRINTED IN THE ***BOSTON GAZETTE***, MARCH 5, 1733, AND CONCERNED A BOXING MATCH HELD IN ENGLAND...

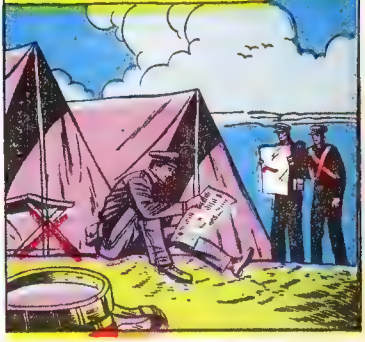

"THE EXHIBITION BETWEEN JOHN FAULCONER AND BOB RUSSELL ON THE BOWLING GREEN AT HARROW ON THE HILL WAS WITNESSED BY AS GREAT A CONCOURSE OF PEOPLE AS EVER KNOWN ON SUCH AN OCCASION... A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY WAS WAGERED CHIEFLY ON RUSSELL WHO WAS KNOCKED OUT AFTER EIGHT MINUTES OF CONTINUOUS FIGHTING..."

IN 1786 A SMALL PRINTING PRESS AND PAPER STOCK WERE CARRIED ACROSS THE ALLEGHANY MOUNTAINS BY WAGON AND PACK-HORSE TRAIN TO PITTSBURGH, WHERE THE FIRST "WESTERN" PAPER, THE ***PITTSBURGH GAZETTE***, WAS ISSUED. BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY OF TRANSPORTATION, THE PAPER FREQUENTLY RAN SHORT OF SUPPLIES, AND IN THE EMERGENCY APPEALED TO NEARBY FORT PITT FOR HELP...

IF YOU WILL SELL ME SOME OF YOUR ***CARTRIDGE PAPER***, SIR, IT WILL ENABLE ME TO CONTINUE UNINTERRUPTED PUBLICATION OF THE ***GAZETTE!***

WHEN PHILIP EDWARDS, PUBLISHER OF THE DAILY PAPER, ***BALTIMORE JOURNAL***, HAD HIS COPIES DESTROYED BY FIRE, HE RUSHED TO PUBLISH A SUBSTITUTE PAPER, THE ***SUNDAY MONITOR***, ON DECEMBER 18, 1796. THIS WAS THE FIRST SUNDAY PAPER ISSUED WITH INTENT OF REGULAR PUBLICATION, ALTHOUGH A FEW SUNDAY "EXTRAS" HAD PREVIOUSLY APPEARED DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR...

TO KEEP THE ARMY CORPS INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS OF THE MEXICAN WAR (1846-1848), SOLDIER-PRINTERS PUBLISHED THE FIRST ARMY NEWSPAPERS, THE MOST PROMINENT OF WHICH WAS THE ***AMERICAN FLAG...***



BIG TOWN
SO FAR, SO GOOD! I'M GETTING OUT OF THIS CRIMINAL DEN! NONE OF THESE CROOKS HAS PIERCED MY SIMPLE DISGUISE AND RECOGNIZED ME AS STEVE WILSON!
WE ACCEPT ONLY CASH FOR PREMIUMS!
FARROW PRESS
DON'T DELAY-- INSURE YOUR CRIMES TODAY!
MR. MARKEY'S OFFICE

IT WAS NESTLED SNUGLY IN A HALF-ABANDONED OFFICE BUILDING IN ***BIG TOWN!*** THE FOCUS FOR A SUDDEN OUTBURST OF TANTALIZING, TRICKY CRIMES THAT HAD THE POLICE OF THE METROPOLIS COMPLETELY BAFFLED -- AND ALMOST COST HARD-DRIVING NEWSHAWK STEVE WILSON HIS LIFE WHEN HE SOUGHT TO PIERCE THE VEIL OF MYSTERY ALONG...

THE TRAIL OF THE TALENTED TRICKSTER

IN BIG TOWN TERMINAL MILLIONAIRE JASON WEATHERBY SUPERVISES THE UNLOADING OF SOME PRECIOUS SUITCASES...
BE VERY CAREFUL WITH THOSE BAGS, PORTER! THEY CONTAIN PRICELESS ART OBJECTS THAT I COLLECTED ABROAD! I'VE BROUGHT THEM SAFELY TEN THOUSAND MILES SO FAR--AND I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO GO WRONG NOW!
DON'T MOVE TOO FAST! I'M NOT LETTING THOSE BAGS OUT OF MY SIGHT...
JUST FOLLOW ME, SIR...
BIG TOWN TERMINAL
BUT SUDDENLY A RUSH OF COMMUTER-ARRIVALS THRONGS PAST THE RETURNING COLLECTOR...
PORTER, WAIT! THIS CROWD--! UHH--
NO SENSE GETTING PANICKY! I'LL BE CLEAR OF THIS MOB IN A FEW SECONDS...
AT THAT VERY INSTANT, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF A GATEWAY...
HERE HE COMES WITH THE LOOT! GET READY TO PULL UP THE RAMP!
AND BY THE TIME WEATHERBY HAS WORMED HIS WAY THROUGH THE CROWD...
NO SIGN OF THE PORTER! MAYBE HE WENT STRAIGHT TO THE TAXI DEPOT--AND IS WAITING FOR ME THERE! THAT MUST BE THE ANSWER!
THEN, AT THE TAXI DEPOT, THE HARASSED MILLIONAIRE LEARNS THE SHOCKING TRUTH...
PORTER NUMBER 555? I'M SORRY, SIR--WE HAVE NO PORTER WITH THAT NUMBER HERE IN BIG TOWN TERMINAL!
THIS MEANS I'VE BEEN ROBBED! GET THE POLICE!

LATER, POLICE INSPECTOR CALLAHAN GRANTS AN INTERVIEW TO A CLOSE FRIEND...
THERE'S NO DOUBT, STEVE, THAT THE WEATHERBY ROBBERY WAS THE LATEST IN THE SERIES OF TRICKY CRIMES THAT'S HIT BIG TOWN! IT ALL DEPENDED ON PERFECT TIMING--ON THE COMMUTER-RUSH CUTTING WEATHERBY OFF...
THEN IT'S YOUR OPINION, INSPECTOR...
...THAT ONE MAN--SOME NEW CRIMINAL MASTERMIND--IS BEHIND ALL THOSE CRIMES?
RIGHT! BUT LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETHING...
ONE OF MY MEN FOUND THIS DOCUMENT IN THE TERMINAL..
WHY, IT LOOKS LIKE AN INSURANCE POLICY--MADE OUT TO A MR. XYZ--PROMISING TO PAY HIM $335,000 IN CASE OF FAILURE--BUT THAT'S ODD--IT DOESN'T SAY FAILURE OF WHAT...
NO, BUT $335,000 HAPPENS TO BE THE EXACT AMOUNT AT WHICH WEATHERBY VALUED HIS ART COLLECTION! IT MIGHT BE A CLUE OR A COINCIDENCE...
A COINCIDENCE UNUSUAL ENOUGH TO INVESTIGATE--AND THAT'S JUST WHAT I'M GOING TO DO!
SHORTLY, AS THE ACE NEWSHAWK ZIPS THROUGH A LUNCH WITH LORELEI KILBOURNE...
THEN YOU THINK THAT YOU MAY HAVE THE ANSWER TO THAT STRANGE INSURANCE POLICY THE POLICE FOUND, STEVE?
I HAVE AN IDEA, LORELEI--SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO CHECK ON MYSELF--BEFORE PUTTING ANYONE ELSE ON A FALSE TRAIL...
BUT HOW CAN YOU EVEN BEGIN TO CHECK ON IT, STEVE?
PAPERS LIKE THAT POLICY HAVE TO BE PRINTED! MY PROBLEM RIGHT NOW IS TO FIND THE RIGHT PRINT SHOP!
K E S

HOURS LATER, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF BIG TOWN...

I'VE VISITED ALMOST TWO DOZEN PRINTERS WITHOUT DRAWING A NIBBLE! BUT I'M GOING TO KEEP FISHING TILL I'VE RUN DOWN THIS LIST OF PRINT SHOPS...

PRINTER

IN THE NEXT SHOP, A "STRIKE"!

WHY, YES, SIR! WE PRINTED THIS WORK--FOR A MR. FLOYD MARKEY AT 7318 BIGELOW STREET! MATTER OF FACT, I'M ABOUT TO SEND A MESSENGER WITH A FRESH SUPPLY OF FORMS!

LISTEN, MR. FARROW...

I'M STEVE WILSON OF THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS! I HAVE NO TIME TO EXPLAIN!--BUT YOU'LL BE PERFORMING A CIVIC SERVICE IF YOU LET ME DELIVER THOSE FORMS FOR YOU!

OKAY--IF IT'S THAT IMPORTANT, MR. WILSON!

SHORTLY...

THIS UNIFORM OF THE REGULAR MESSENGER ISN'T TOO GOOD A FIT--BUT IT OUGHT TO GET ME INTO THE PLACE WITHOUT BEING RECOGNIZED...

7318

INSIDE 7318 BIGELOW STREET...

OH! FARROW PRESS, HUH? TAKE THOSE PAPERS INTO MR. MARKEY'S OFFICE! HUSTLE! HE'S WAITING FOR 'EM!

FARROW PRESS

THEN, AS A HEAVY IRON DOOR SWINGS OPEN TO ADMIT THE "MESSENGER" INTO A LARGER ROOM...

MARKEY'S IDEA OF INSURING US CROOKS AGAINST THE FAILURE OF OUR CRIMES IS TERRIFIC! ESPECIALLY SINCE HE TAKES A PERSONAL INTEREST IN EVERY CRIME HE INSURES...

SOUNDS LIKE I'M ON THE RIGHT TRACK...

INSURE YOUR CRIMES

CASH BASIS ONLY!

INSURE NOW!

HEAD LOWERED, TO AVOID POSSIBLE RECOGNITION, STEVE ENTERS MARKEY'S OFFICE...
I'LL INSURE THIS--ER--PROJECT FOR $50,000 IF YOU ADD THE DETAILS I'VE GIVEN YOU TO MAKE SURE IT WON'T FAIL! WAIT--WHO ARE YOU?
MESSENGER FROM FARROW PRINTERS!
PUT THAT PACKAGE DOWN HERE AND THEN BEAT IT OUT OF HERE!
YES, SIR!
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I WANT TO DO NOW... LEAVE!
I'VE GOT TO GET TO A TELEPHONE! IF I CAN JUST MAKE IT ACROSS THIS ROOM ONCE MORE WITHOUT BEING RECOGNIZED...
THANK YOU! CA AGAIN!
RUNNING A GAUNTLET OF CURIOUS GLANCES, THE DARING NEWSHAWK STRIDES BOLDLY ON...
THREE STEPS MORE... I FEEL LIKE RUNNING BUT THAT WOULD BE A DEAD GIVEAWAY... TWO MORE STEPS...
HEY! LOOK-
FARROW PRESS
THAT AIN'T NO MESSENGER BOY--THAT'S STEVE WILSON!
THERE IS A TIME TO FIGHT AND A TIME TO RUN! BUT THIS TIME IT LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING TO HAVE TO DO BOTH!
THANK Y CALL AG
I GOT HIM-- UHH!
GET OUTA THE WAY, STRETCH! I'LL PLUG HIM!

WITH A SURGE OF WHIP-CORD MUSCLES, STEVE SWINGS HIS FOE...
GOT TO GET PAST THAT GUN-MAN--OUT THAT DOOR!
BAM!
GRAB HIM! HE'S COMIN'--
OOF!
INSURE AGAIN BODILY INJU
LOW COST PREMIU
WITH ONE MOTION THE AGILE NEWSHAWK DARTS THROUGH THE DOORWAY, SLAMS THE DOOR BEHIND HIM AND JAMS THE BOLT CLOSED...
THEIR BULLETS CAN'T PENE-TRATE THIS IRON DOOR! I GUESS THAT'S WHY MARKEY HAD IT PUT HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE!
BAM!
BLAM!
QUICKEST WAY OUT OF HERE IS UP THESE STAIRS TO THE ROOF! THERE'S AN ADJOINING BUILDING WITH A ROOF I CAN REACH FROM THIS ONE--I NOTICED THAT BEFORE I CAME IN HERE...
I'LL BE SAFE ENOUGH ONCE I GET TO THE NEXT BUILDING AND TELE-PHONE INSPECTOR CALLAHAN--
BUT THEN, TO THE DARING NEWSMAN'S SURPRISE...
MARKEY!
I FIGURED YOU'D HEAD FOR THE ROOF, WILSON--AS THE SHORTEST WAY OUT FOR YOU! SO I SIMPLY CLIMBED UP THE FIRE ESCAPE OUT-SIDE MY OFFICE WINDOW AND BEAT YOU HERE!

MUST TRY TO STALL HIM SOMEHOW--FIGURE OUT A WAY TO DISARM HIM...
THAT WAS CLEVER OF YOU, MARKEY--AS CLEVER AS ONE OF YOUR TRICKY CRIMES!
BUT THEN--YOU ALWAYS DO THINGS THE CLEVER WAY, DON'T YOU? BUT IF YOU SHOOT ME NOW--LIKE THIS--THAT WOULDN'T BE CLEVER, WOULD IT? THAT'S NOT THE WAY YOU DO THINGS...
YOU'RE RIGHT!
I WON'T SHOOT YOU! YOU'RE GOING TO--ER--HAVE A LITTLE ACCIDENT! KEEP MOVING BACK, WILSON... BACK, BACK...
ONE SLIM CHANCE LEFT NOW...GOT TO TAKE IT...
WITH A SUDDEN MOTION, STEVE DEPRESSES A SLACK RADIO AERIAL BETWEEN HIM AND HIS FOE...
IT WORKED! HE WAS JUST IN THE RIGHT POSITION!
HEY, WHAT-?
SNAP!
BAM!
YOUR TRICKY DAYS ARE OVER, MARKEY!
BUT THEN, THE NEXT INSTANT...
UH--OH!
LOOKS LIKE I'VE EXHAUSTED MY OWN BAG OF TRICKS!

BEFORE THE GUNMAN CAN FIRE...
THE POLICE! BOY, THAT'S AS DRAMATIC A RESCUE AS I'LL EVER HOPE TO SEE!
WHACK!
SHORTLY, WITH THE CROOKS IN CUSTODY, THE EMBATTLED NEWSHAWK LEARNS THE MEANS OF HIS DRAMATIC RESCUE ...
WE HAD THE SAME IDEA YOU DID, STEVE! WE ALSO CHECKED PRINT SHOPS -- FOUND THE FARROW PRESS!
AND ARRIVED HERE JUST IN TIME, INSPECTOR! THANKS FOR THE ASSIST!
LATER, STEVE DICTATES A RAPID-FIRE SUMMARY OF THE CASE INTO A DICTAPHONE AT HIS ILLUSTRATED PRESS OFFICE...
...AND MARKEY'S ANGLE WAS TO INSURE CROOKS AGAINST FAILURE OF THEIR CRIMES! TO AVOID HAVING TO PAY OFF, HE WOULD ADD CLEVER, TRICKY DETAILS TO THE CRIME SCHEMES! AND THIS ACCOUNTS FOR THE OUTBURST OF "CLEVER" CRIMES IN BIG TOWN...
THUS ANOTHER SO-CALLED CRIMINAL MASTERMIND JUSTLY ENDS UP IN JAIL ...
--THANKS TO THE POLICE AND STEVE WILSON!
THE END

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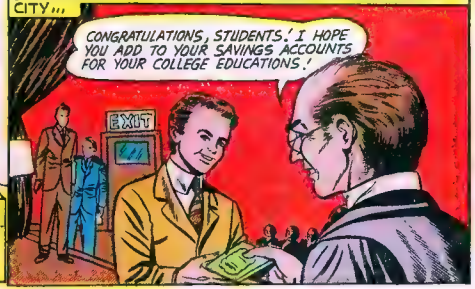
CIRCULATION PROMOTION STUNTS!

IN CONJUNCTION WITH REPORTER "NELLIE BLY'S" ATTEMPT TO CIRCLE THE EARTH IN LESS THAN THE 80 DAYS TAKEN BY JULES VERNE'S FICTIONAL HERO, THE NEW YORK ***WORLD*** IN 1889 CONDUCTED A GUESSING CONTEST IN WHICH THE PERSON WHO MOST CLOSELY GUESSED THE TIME OF THE AROUND-THE-WORLD TRIP WAS AWARDED AN ALL-EXPENSE TRIP TO EUROPE. NEARLY A MILLION GUESSES WERE SUBMITTED...

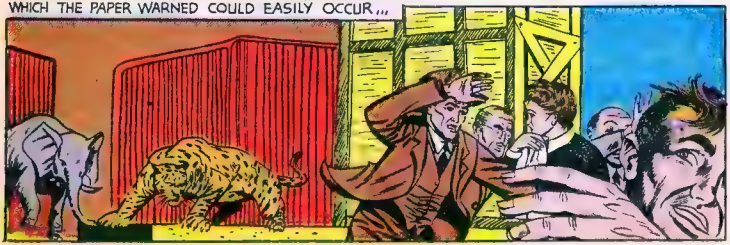
"NELLIE BLY"--WHOSE REAL NAME WAS ELIZABETH COCHRAN--TOOK 72 DAYS, 6 HOURS, 11 MINUTES AND 14 SECONDS TO CIRCUIT THE GLOBE.

IN 1921, THE CHICAGO **HERALD-EXAMINER** GAVE AWAY MILLIONS OF NUMBERED "CHRISTMAS SMILE" COUPONS AT NEWSSTANDS AND CIGAR STORES. THE HOLDERS OF THE LUCKY NUMBERS WON FROM $1 TO $1000 IN DAILY PRIZES, DRAWN FROM A FUND OF $25,000 ESTABLISHED TO BOOST THE PAPER'S CIRCULATION...

THE PUBLISHERS OF THE BOSTON ***GLOBE*** CELEBRATED THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PAPER IN 1903 BY AWARDING SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS TO THE MOST POPULAR SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE CITY...



THE ENTIRE FRONT PAGE OF THE NEW YORK ***HERALD*** FOR NOVEMBER 9, 1874, FEATURED A SENSATIONAL STORY OF THE ESCAPE OF WILD ANIMALS FROM THE CENTRAL PARK ZOO, DETAILING THE "AWFUL COMBATS BETWEEN THE BEASTS AND THE CITIZENS." AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE STORY, IT WAS REVEALED THAT IT WAS ALL A ***HOAX***, DESIGNED TO ALERT CITIZENS TO A SIMILAR CATASTROPHE WHICH THE PAPER WARNED COULD EASILY OCCUR...



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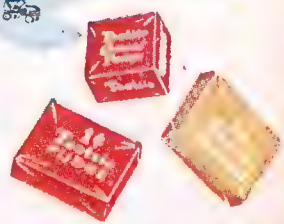

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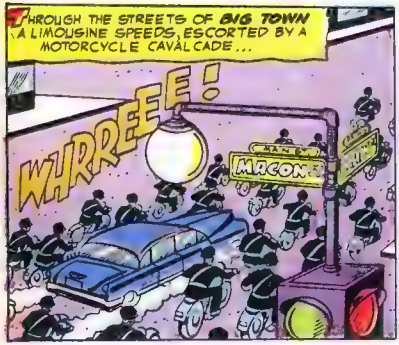
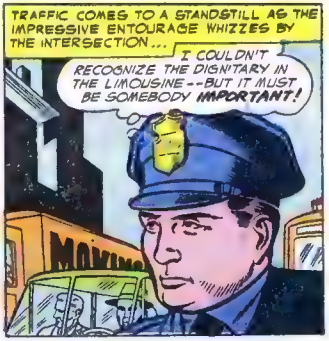
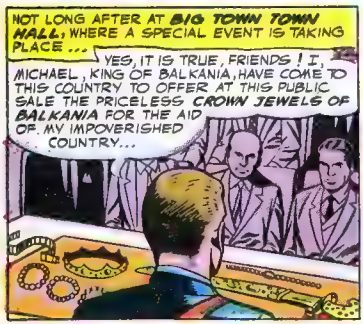
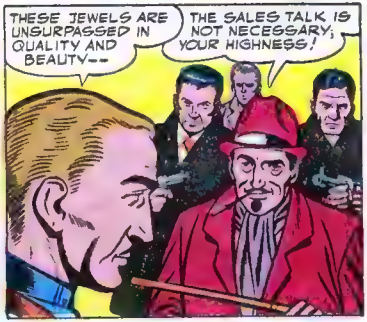
BIG TOWN
CRIME JACKPOT
THREE "DEATHS OF STEVE WILSON"! THIS MEANS THAT I HIT THE JACKPOT--WHEN STEVE WILSON DIES!
LIKE FEARSOME FLASHES OF MAN-MADE LIGHTNING, THE SPECTACULAR CRIMES STRUCK BIG TOWN! SIX SUCCESSIVE CRIMINAL ONSLAUGHTS IN THE METROPOLIS THAT PUZZLED THE POLICE, STUNNED THE POPULACE, AND DAZED VIRTUALLY ALL EXCEPT ACE NEWSMAN STEVE WILSON WHO PLAYED THE KEY ROLE IN EXPOSING THE SINISTER PLOT BEHIND? ...
The JACKPOT OF CRIME!

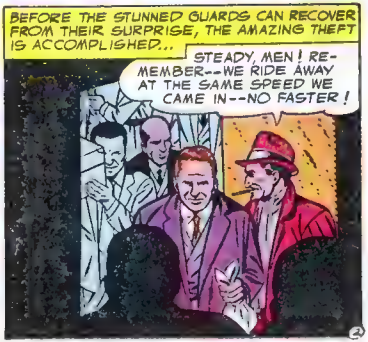

THROUGH THE STREETS OF BIG TOWN A LIMOUSINE SPEEDS, ESCORTED BY A MOTORCYCLE CAVALCADE...
WHRREEE!
MACONA

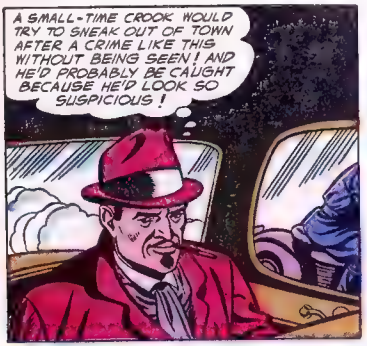

TRAFFIC COMES TO A STANDSTILL AS THE IMPRESSIVE ENTOURAGE WHIZZES BY THE INTERSECTION...
I COULDN'T RECOGNIZE THE DIGNITARY IN THE LIMOUSINE--BUT IT MUST BE SOMEBODY IMPORTANT!

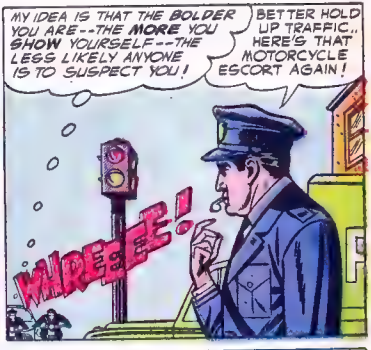

NOT LONG AFTER AT BIG TOWN TOWN HALL, WHERE A SPECIAL EVENT IS TAKING PLACE...
YES, IT IS TRUE, FRIENDS! I, MICHAEL, KING OF BALKANIA, HAVE COME TO THIS COUNTRY TO OFFER AT THIS PUBLIC SALE THE PRICELESS CROWN JEWELS OF BALKANIA FOR THE AID OF MY IMPOVERISHED COUNTRY...


THESE JEWELS ARE UNSURPASSED IN QUALITY AND BEAUTY--
THE SALES TALK IS NOT NECESSARY, YOUR HIGHNESS!

WE'LL TAKE THE WHOLE BATCH RIGHT NOW WITHOUT ANY FURTHER ARGUMENT! GO TO IT, MEN!
MEN WITH GUNS! ROBBERS!

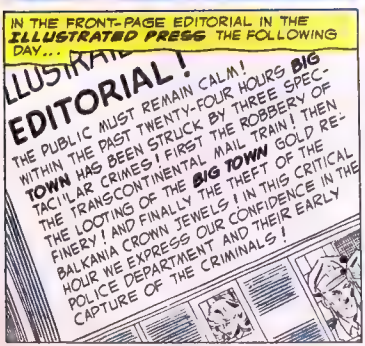

BEFORE THE STUNNED GUARDS CAN RECOVER FROM THEIR SURPRISE, THE AMAZING THEFT IS ACCOMPLISHED...
STEADY, MEN! REMEMBER--WE RIDE AWAY AT THE SAME SPEED WE CAME IN--NO FASTER!

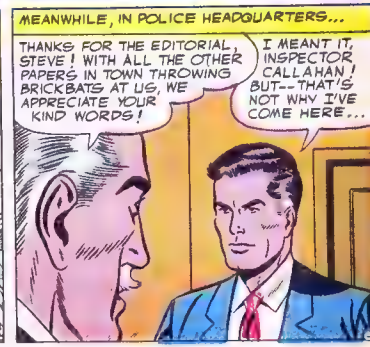

A SMALL-TIME CROOK WOULD TRY TO SNEAK OUT OF TOWN AFTER A CRIME LIKE THIS WITHOUT BEING SEEN! AND HE'D PROBABLY BE CAUGHT BECAUSE HE'D LOOK SO SUSPICIOUS!


MY IDEA IS THAT THE BOLDER YOU ARE--THE MORE YOU SHOW YOURSELF--THE LESS LIKELY ANYONE IS TO SUSPECT YOU!
BETTER HOLD UP TRAFFIC.. HERE'S THAT MOTORCYCLE ESCORT AGAIN!
WHEEE!

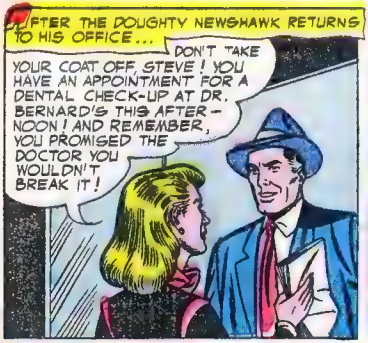
SHORTLY, AS THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTS A RAPID-FIRE INVESTIGATION OF THE SPECTACULAR CRIME...
BUT I TELL YOU, CAPTAIN, I SAW NO LIMOUSINE LIKE YOU DESCRIBE! ONLY--WELL, THERE WAS ONE WITH AN OFFICIAL MOTORCYCLE ESCORT THAT CAME BY HERE A LITTLE WHILE AGO...
WHAT!?

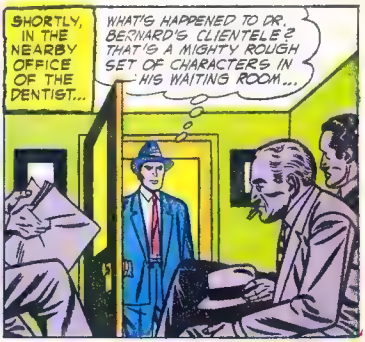
THERE WAS NO MOTORCYCLE CALVALCADE SCHEDULED FOR BIG TOWN TODAY! THE "POLICE" ESCORT YOU SAW MUST HAVE BEEN CROOKS IN DISGUISE!
THEN THE ONE IN THE LIMOUSINE MUST HAVE BEEN THE CHIEF CROOK!

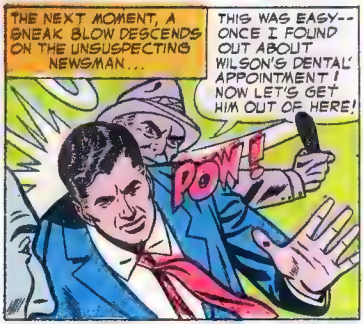

IN THE FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL IN THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS THE FOLLOWING DAY...
EDITORIAL!
THE PUBLIC MUST REMAIN CALM! WITHIN THE PAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS BIG TOWN HAS BEEN STRUCK BY THREE SPECTACULAR CRIMES! FIRST THE ROBBERY OF THE TRANSCONTINENTAL MAIL TRAIN! THEN THE LOOTING OF THE BIG TOWN GOLD REFINERY! AND FINALLY THE THEFT OF THE BALKANIA CROWN JEWELS! IN THIS CRITICAL HOUR WE EXPRESS OUR CONFIDENCE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THEIR EARLY CAPTURE OF THE CRIMINALS!

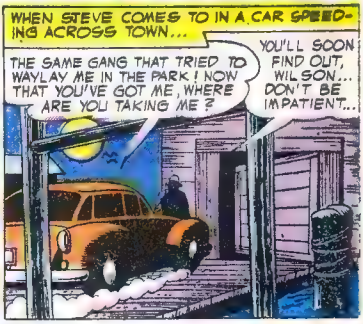

MEANWHILE, IN POLICE HEADQUARTERS...
THANKS FOR THE EDITORIAL, STEVE! WITH ALL THE OTHER PAPERS IN TOWN THROWING BRICKBATS AT US, WE APPRECIATE YOUR KIND WORDS!
I MEANT IT, INSPECTOR CALLAHAN! BUT--THAT'S NOT WHY I'VE COME HERE...

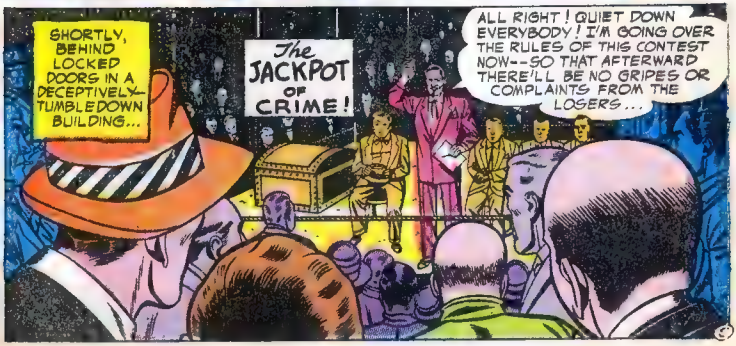
IF YOU EXPECT TO GET ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS ON THIS CASE, STEVE--- THERE ARE NONE!
I'M NOT SURE, BUT I MIGHT HAVE SOME INFORMATION TO CONTRIBUTE! LISTEN...
"LAST NIGHT I WAS WALKING THROUGH THE PARK ON MY WAY HOME..."
YOU'RE WILSON OF THE ILLUSTRATED PRESS, RIGHT? I HAVE SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THOSE SUPER-CRIMES! IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, FOLLOW ME!
WHO ARE YOU?
"SOMETHING ABOUT HIM MADE ME SUSPICIOUS! I LIT MY CIGARETTE LIGHTER FOR A BETTER LOOK..."
NEVER SAW YOU BEFORE...
I DON'T LIKE SPOTLIGHTS ON MY FACE WILSON! OKAY, BOYS--BLACK HIM OUT!
"AT H'S WORDS, A COUPLE OF THUGS LEAPED FROM BEHIND SOME BUSHES..."
DON'T OVERDO IT, BOYS... JUST ROCK HIM TO SLEEP FOR A LITTLE WHILE!
DON'T BOTHER--I'M NOT TIRED!
IN FACT, I'VE GOT SO MUCH ENERGY I'LL GLADLY EXPAND SOME ON YOU!
KRAK!
"I WAS STANDING OFF THE SECOND THUG WHEN I HEARD A WELCOME SOUND FROM NEARBY..."
POLICE SIREN! SOMEONE MUST HAVE HEARD US AND TURNED IN AN ALARM! WE'LL HAVE TO BEAT IT WITHOUT WILSON!
SCREEE!
SOK!
"IT TURNED OUT THE SQUAD CAR WAS GOING SOMEWHERE ELSE! BUT MY ATTACKERS DISAPPEARED!"
I WENT HOME, INSPECTOR, TRYING TO FIGURE WHO WAS AFTER ME--- AND WHY! I'M STILL PUZZLED!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT EITHER, STEVE! BUT YOU'D BETTER BE EXTRA CAREFUL!


AFTER THE DOUGHTY NEWSHAWK RETURNS TO HIS OFFICE...
DON'T TAKE YOUR COAT OFF, STEVE! YOU HAVE AN APPOINTMENT FOR A DENTAL CHECK-UP AT DR. BERNARD'S THIS AFTER-NOON! AND REMEMBER, YOU PROMISED THE DOCTOR YOU WOULDN'T BREAK IT!


SHORTLY, IN THE NEARBY OFFICE OF THE DENTIST...
WHAT'S HAPPENED TO DR. BERNARD'S CLIENTELE? THAT'S A MIGHTY ROUGH SET OF CHARACTERS IN HIS WAITING ROOM...


THE NEXT MOMENT, A SNEAK BLOW DESCENDS ON THE UNSUSPECTING NEWSMAN...
THIS WAS EASY-- ONCE I FOUND OUT ABOUT WILSON'S DENTAL APPOINTMENT! NOW LET'S GET HIM OUT OF HERE!
POW!


WHEN STEVE COMES TO IN A CAR SPEEDING ACROSS TOWN...
THE SAME GANG THAT TRIED TO WAYLAY ME IN THE PARK! NOW THAT YOU'VE GOT ME, WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?
YOU'LL SOON FIND OUT, WILSON... DON'T BE IMPATIENT...


SHORTLY, BEHIND LOCKED DOORS IN A DECEPTIVELY-TUMBLEDOWN BUILDING...
The JACKPOT of CRIME!
ALL RIGHT! QUIET DOWN EVERYBODY! I'M GOING OVER THE RULES OF THIS CONTEST NOW--SO THAT AFTERWARD THERE'LL BE NO GRIPES OR COMPLAINTS FROM THE LOSERS...

WE SIX--THE TOP CRIMINALS IN THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY--AGREED TO COMPETE FOR A GIANT JACKPOT--CONSISTING OF OUR OWN ENTRY FEES OF $50,000 EACH, PLUS THE ACCUMULATED LOOT OF OUR CRIMES...THE WINNER TO BE THE ONE WHO PULLED THE RICHEST CRIME OF ALL!
MR. MAXON REVEALS THAT THE DEADLINE FOR THE AMAZING CONTEST HAS JUST ENDED...
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HOLD ON, MAXON! I THINK I CAN BEST TESTIFY TO THAT--
IN A SUDDEN HUSH, ALL EYES TURN TOWARD ROCKY RINGO...
I WANT TO ASK YOU ALL A QUESTION! WHAT WOULD IT BE WORTH TO THE UNDERWORLD TO HAVE STEVE WILSON KILLED--? LET'S REMEMBER WHAT WILSON COSTS US EVERY YEAR IN CROOKS CAUGHT AND CRIMES FOILED!
A MILLION DOLLARS--AT LEAST!
TWO MILLION!
TWO MILLION! THERE'S YOUR ANSWER, MAXON--AND YOU CAN'T IGNORE EXPERT CRIMINAL OPINION!
BUT YOU HAVEN'T KILLED WILSON, ROCKY!
THE NEXT MOMENT, AS THE HIDDEN AND HELPLESS NEWSMAN IS REVEALED TO VIEW...
STEVE WILSON!
NO...I HAVEN'T KILLED STEVE WILSON YET--I'VE BEEN SAVING THAT PLEASURE FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT--NOW!

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MAXON, HOW CAN YOU STAND THERE LIKE THAT AND LET ROCKY SHOOT ME?
--AND CHEAT YOU OUT OF THE MILLIONS IN THE JACKPOT? IF YOU KILL ME, YOU WIN!
THAT'S RIGHT! THERE'S NO HONOR AMONG THIEVES ANYWAY!
TOUGH LUCK, ROCKY--YOU MISSED!
YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THAT, MAXON...
THUD!
BAM!
IN THE ERUPTING FRACAS, THE NEWSMAN CAPTIVE IS MOMENTARILY FORGOTTEN...
SEEMS I TOUCHED OFF A POWDER KEG BETWEEN THESE RIVAL GANGS! ANOTHER MOMENT OR TWO AND I'LL WRIGGLE OUT OF THESE ROPES!
AS STEVE BATTLES HIS WAY TO FREEDOM...
KOK!
HOLD IT, YOU GUYS! WILSON'S LOOSE!

AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE STREET, TWO PATROLMEN ARE SUDDENLY ALERTED...
GUNFIRE!
SOUNDS LIKE A COUPLE OF ARMIES BATTLING IT OUT! CALL HEADQUARTERS! I'M GOING IN THERE!
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
SHORTLY, AS THE RIOT SQUAD BREAKS INTO THE BUILDING...
IT'S THE COPS!
THEN, THE GUN BATTLE STOPS AS SUDDENLY AS IT BEGAN...
ONE OF THE CROOKS SAYS STEVE WILSON WAS TRAPPED DOWN HERE, INSPECTOR! BUT--GUESS WE GOT HERE TOO LATE!
LOOK--OVER THERE IN THE CORNER, LIEUTENANT!
IT'S STEVE--AT THAT TELEPHONE!
GOT IT, LORELEI? AT 10:15 THE POLICE LED BY INSPECTOR CALLAHAN SMASHED INTO THE UNDERWORLD HANGOUT...
--AND IN LESS THAN A MINUTE HAD FORCED THE DISARMING AND SURRENDER OF EVERY CRIMINAL...
BULLETS COULD BE FLYING ALL AROUND HIM, AND STEVE WILSON WILL STILL FIND A WAY TO PHONE IN HIS STORY!
LATER, AFTER THE JACKPOT CRIMINALS HAVE BEEN BOOKED AND PLACED BEHIND BARS...
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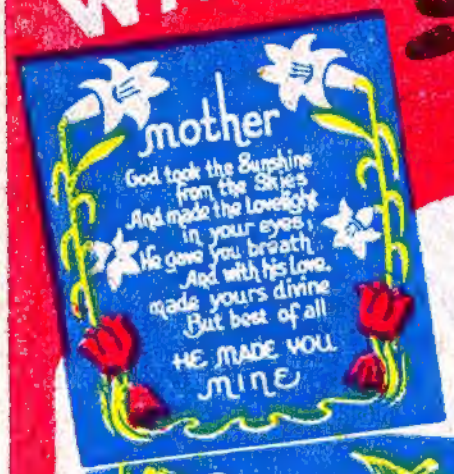

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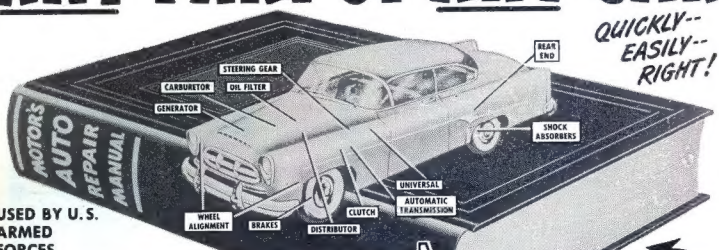

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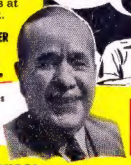

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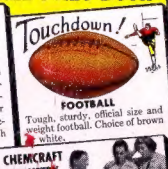

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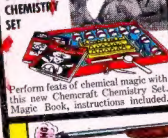

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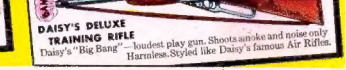

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